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A moderate amount of rope-jumping is said to be very beneficial exercise.

The new peace palace in Washington is located some distance from congress.

The United States produces nearly 58 per cent. more coal than Great Britain.

The operating expenses of Columbia College for the present year are \$1,552,563.

The discoverer of diamond fields in Quebec probably saw the snow in the winter time.

Mark Twain is comfortably well off. He acts as his own press agent and saves the difference.

The exportation of gold proves, among other things, that Uncle Sam has plenty of it to export.

There are 17,000,000 children in Russia between the ages of 6 and 14 receiving absolutely no education.

The match monopoly produced a net revenue of \$5,475,000 to France last year, the tobacco monopoly \$75,390,000.

A London scientist declares that cheap cigars are the least harmful. There is less tobacco in them, we suppose.

The value of agricultural machines and implements annually imported by Siberia amounts to about 10,000,000 rubles (\$5,150,000).

The total income of the London bar is put at \$780,000 a year. As there are about 2,500 practicing members the average income is \$315.

The wealth of New Zealand, according to recent statistics, is \$1,480 per person, and is said to be the highest of any country in the world.

Many important drainage projects are under way in the marsh land of Louisiana which will ultimately make it a great agricultural country.

It is better to hunt up some girl you went to school with and ask her than to trust to the advertised affinity, no matter how well recommended she comes.

London has 20,000 empty houses. The suburban movement and the servant question are held responsible. Conditions are pretty much alike the world over.

A Cleveland man swung his right on his wife because she had not spoken to him for three months. Some men never know a good thing when they see it.

In a recent campaign of the French in Madagascar 14,000 men were sent to the front, of whom 29 were killed in action and over 7,000 perished from preventable disease.

The medal for honesty goes to the man in La Crosse, Wis., who hunted up the heirs of a woman to whom he had been owing a board bill for 25 years and paid it in full.

When the last brewery is being torn down or turned into a breakfast-food factory we shall hear the deposed brewer vociferating that prohibition does not prohibit. So much for the power of habit.

There is in Cincinnati a poet whose wife does not become wildly excited when he writes love poems and dedicates them to other women. Some of our best poets will agree in the opinion that this is a handy kind of wife to have around.

The campaign against anarchy goes on satisfactorily. In a single week of last month the naturalization papers of 154 men suspected of anarchistic affiliations were revoked in Chicago. As the men profess opposition to all forms of government, they have no grievance in being denied participation in this government.

The debaters of Columbia university may have had other reasons than the one which they disclosed for being unwilling to permit the Cornell debaters to make a young woman—one of the "coeds"—a member of the contesting team. The stated objection was that of sex; they did not care to debate against a woman. Since then the young woman has won the first prize for oratory at Cornell, in open competition with the men.

One of the important duties of the next president will be to appoint members of the United States supreme court. The chief justice and three other justices have already passed the age of 70 years, and probably their places will have to be filled during the next administration. Many voters will consider carefully what type of men the various candidates for the presidency will be likely to appoint to the tribunal by which the legislative developments of the nation are ultimately measured.

UNCLE AND NEPHEW MEET.



CALEB POWERS PARDONED

FREEDOM FOR MEN ACCUSED OF KILLING GOV. GOEBEL.

Gov. Willson of Kentucky Acts on Petitions of People From All Sections.

Frankfort, Kentucky.—By announcing the pardon of Caleb Powers and James Howard, Governor Willson, elected governor last November on the Republican ticket, closed the last chapter in one of the most noted criminal cases in the history of the state, in which people of all sections of the United States have formally expressed their interest by signing the petition for pardon.

In the closing days of January eight years ago, while the contest of William Goebel for the gubernatorial seat occupied by William S. Taylor was being heard, Goebel was shot, dying later from his wound. The shot came from a half open window of the secretary of state's office, and as Caleb Powers was then filling that position, suspicion was at once directed toward him and his arrest followed. Four times has Powers been put on trial for his life on the charge of complicity in the murder, the first three trials resulting in conviction and sentence, death being the penalty in two trials.

On the fourth trial, which came after the case had been carried to the United States court, being finally appealed to the supreme court, which sent it back to the state courts, the jury disagreed, and thereupon the efforts for a pardon for Powers, as well as for James Howard, who had been convicted some years ago on charge of complicity, were renewed. Many hundreds of thousands of sympathizers from all parties and all sections appended their names to the petitions that poured in on Governor Willson, and for several weeks he has been considering the case. His decision was made known Saturday in the shape of a formal statement of the facts and his reasons therefor.

Ran Amuck in Emigrant Car. Fort Wayne, Ind.—Just as the west-bound Wabash passenger train was pulling into this city at 9 a. m. Sunday a Spaniard who occupied a special coach with Italian immigrants bound for St. Louis, went insane and leaping into the aisle plunged his dagger into the heart of one Italian, fatally stabbed another and painfully wounded another. He then leaped through the car window and escaped. All parties are immigrants taken on at Detroit.

Flood Boosts Meat Prices. Kansas City, Mo.—Meat jumped 3 cents in price Monday. The retail meat dealers were notified by the packing houses Saturday that the price will be raised on account of the scarcity of live stock and their inability to operate packing houses on account of the flood. Meat from other cities will have to be shipped in if the high water continues long.

Bandit and Motorman Shot. New Orleans, La.—Three men attempted to hold up and rob a street car on the outskirts of the city Tuesday. As a result, Henry O'Dell, one of the bandits, is at the hospital with a bullet wound in the thigh and Ernest Reviere, the motorman, is suffering from a similar injury at his home.

Gompers Ill in Chicago. Chicago.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is ill at the Kaiserhof hotel here with a slight infection of the leg. His physician reports that the ailment, which was caused by an injury suffered several weeks ago, is not serious.

TAFT'S LETTER TO PANAMA.

Caused Sensation When Published on Isthmus.

Panama.—The publication of the letter which the American secretary of war, William H. Taft, delivered to President Amador at the time of his visit to the Isthmus and in which the intention of the United States government to intervene in case of fraud or violence is plainly set forth, has caused a very considerable sensation here, particularly among the supporters of Senor Arias, the secretary of state, one of the candidates for the presidency, concerning whom Secretary Taft's letter makes special reference.

The American secretary's communication had been carefully guarded by president Amador since the date of its receipt by him, it being stated that not even all the members of his cabinet were cognizant of its contents, and the plain statements made in the letter, now published, have made a deep impression.

The active participation of the United States in the coming elections is the chief subject of discussion among the Panamanians, as it is announced that American commissioners, backed by sufficient force will be present at the polls to supervise the counting of the votes, so that the legal voters may have an opportunity to elect a president without danger from fraudulent methods. Representatives of the United States also will keep watch in the principal cities during the municipal elections which take place on Sunday, June 28. Intense nervous excitement prevails in official circles at the present time.

Floods in Oklahoma. Guthrie, Ok.—Reports received here from Pauls Valley state that great damage is being done by a rise through the Washita valley. Pauls Valley is entirely covered with two feet or more of water, and throughout the corn district along the Washita river farms are inundated with from two to ten feet of water. The river has broadened out to a width of three miles, and is the highest that it has ever been known to reach. Several miles of trackage of the Santa Fe have been washed away, some of it for the fifth time within the last two weeks.

Plead Guilty to Bribery. Columbus, Ohio.—M. F. Bramley of Cleveland, president of the Cleveland Trinidad Paving company, Tuesday pleaded guilty to three of seven indictments against him charging bribery of former members of the board of public service in connection with the East Broad street paving contract, and was fined \$500 on each, or a total of \$1,665, including costs which was promptly paid. H. C. Lang, superintendent of the paving company, also pleaded guilty to eight indictments charging bribery and was fined \$500 each on seven counts.

Satisfactory Conditions in Cuba. Washington, D. C.—Secretary Taft stated Tuesday that a report he has received from Gov. Magoon describing with great detail the conditions in Cuba is most satisfactory with reference to the turning over of the island to the Cuban authorities in February next, proposed by the president's proclamation. Judging from the report, the secretary is satisfied that the complete transfer of the authorities will be accomplished without friction.

A New Trial for This Slayer. Jefferson City, Mo.—Division No. 2 of the supreme court in an opinion by Judge Fox reversed the judgment of second degree murder against Homer O. Porter of Clinton county and remanded the cause for a new trial because of improper instructions to the trial jury. Porter killed his father, W. N. Porter, by shooting him, in February, 1906.

ANARCHIST PAPERS BARRED

POSTMASTER GENERAL MEYER ISSUES HIS ORDERS.

Publications With Anarchistic Tendencies Will Find Mails Closed Against Them Hereafter.

Washington, D. C.—All publications having anarchistic tendencies will hereafter find it practically impossible to make use of the United States mails for their distribution. Postmaster General Meyer has issued an order directing postmasters to put into effect the amended section of the postal rules and regulations which bars the use of the mails to these publications.

Several months ago the postoffice department experienced some difficulty in construing the law so as to secure the suppression of "La Question Sociale," a newspaper published in Paterson, N. J. On recommendation of the postmaster general an amendment to the postal laws was included in the postoffice appropriation bill. This amendment provides that all matter of a character tending to "incite arson, murder or assassination shall be included under the section of the law which prohibits the depositing, conveying or delivering of all matter of an objectionable character."

The instructions contained in the postmaster general's orders are "not to be used to irritate, annoy or intimidate publishers" and postmasters are instructed to use discretion and conservatism in order that no innocent publishers may suffer injustice.

Banker Morse Indicted Again. New York.—The federal grand jury Wednesday found a third indictment against Alfred N. Curtis, president, and Charles W. Morse, vice president of the National Bank of North America, charging them with making false entries in reports to the comptroller of the currency and the misapplication of funds for speculative purposes amounting to about \$1,250,000. Shortly after the indictments had been returned Curtis and Morse appeared before Judge Hough in the United States circuit court and entered tentative pleas of not guilty.

Returned Government Deposit. Washington, D. C.—The treasury department has received from the Chemical National bank of New York which is a temporary government depository, its entire amount of public deposits, amounting to \$1,028,000, with the explanation that the bank does not pay interest to depositors and as it would be required to pay interest at the rate of 1 per cent per annum under the terms of the new currency act and regulations of the secretary of the treasury, the officers of the bank decided not to make any exception in favor of the government.

Garfield's Order Void. Washington, D. C.—On the ground of violation of the fifth amendment to the constitution, Justice Wright, of the District of Columbia supreme court, Wednesday declared null and void the order of Secretary of the Interior Garfield disbaring from practice before the department James H. and Edward W. Spalding, Milo B. Stevens & Co., and Edgar T. Gaddis, growing out of procedure in pension bounty warrant cases.

Canal Ready in Five Years. New York.—Joseph B. Bishop, secretary of the Isthmian canal commission, arrived here Wednesday from Colon and will go to Washington to make a report on conditions in the canal zone. Mr. Bishop said that work is now progressing so speedily that the men on the commission assert that the canal will be ready for ocean to ocean transportation at the end of five years.

College President Resigns. Viola Rapids, Iowa.—It was announced Wednesday that Dr. W. F. King, for 40 years president of Cornell college at Mount Vernon, has resigned and his resignation has been accepted. Prof. Harlan has been chosen as his successor. Dr. King resigns on account of ill health.

Killed by Sewer Gas. Kansas City, Kan.—Several small boys were playing in a vacant lot Wednesday when Beno Glutchback, 11 years old, while running from his companions, stumbled and fell into a sewer manhole 25 feet deep. He was pulled out 20 minutes later dead from inhaling sewer gas.

Bunker Hill Anniversary. Boston, Mass.—The observance of the one hundred and thirty-third anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill in Boston and surrounding cities and towns Wednesday was confined almost entirely to sporting events, but few patriotic exercises being on the day's program.

HOT ONIONS FOR PNEUMONIA.

Dread Disease Robbed of Its Terrors by Simple Remedy.

Owing to the prevalence of pneumonia and the great mortality which attends its ravages during the winter and spring, several boards of health in northern New Jersey have been taking measures to protect the citizens of their towns from the disease. The health board of Washington, N. J., has published a remedy which is said to be a sure cure for pneumonia, and other health boards are looking into the matter with a view of having the same thing published for the good of the general public. This is the publication as it has appeared in the papers of Washington:

"Take six or ten onions, according to size, and chop fine, put in a large spider over a hot fire, then add the same quantity of rye meal and vinegar enough to form a thick paste. In the meanwhile stir it thoroughly, letting it simmer five or ten minutes. Then put in a cotton bag large enough to cover the lungs and apply to chest as hot as patient can bear. In about ten minutes apply another, and thus continue by reheating the poultices, and in a few hours the patient will be out of danger. This simple remedy has never failed to cure this too-often fatal malady. Usually three or four applications will be sufficient, but continue always until the perspiration starts freely from the chest. This remedy was formulated many years ago by one of the best physicians New England has ever known, who never lost a patient by the disease, and won his renown by simple remedies."

FAMILIAR PHRASE.



"He paused for a moment's reflection."

"Internal Revenue" Collections. The term "internal revenue" has been restricted in its meaning to such revenues only as are collected under the internal revenue bureau connected with the treasury department, and does not include all revenues that are, properly speaking, from internal sources, that is, from sources other than duties levied at the frontiers upon foreign commodities. Thus, moneys arising from the sale of public lands, from patent fees, or the revenues of the postal service, are not generally known as "internal revenues."

The Missing Link. What was said to be the "missing link between man and ape" was found by Dr. Dubois in 1895 on the banks of the Bengawan river, in central Java. These fossil remains consisted of a skull, a thigh bone and two molar teeth, from which the scientists "constructed" an animal, not human, yet nearer to man than the ape. The "link" was named "Pithecanthropus Erectus."—New York American.

"TWO TOPERS."

A Teacher's Experience.

"My friends call me 'The Postum Preacher,'" writes a Minn. school teacher, "because I preach the gospel of Postum everywhere I go, and have been the means of liberating many 'coffee-pot slaves.'"

"I don't care what they call me so long as I can help others to see what they lose by sticking to coffee, and can show them the way to steady nerves, clear brain and general good health by using Postum."

"While a school girl I drank coffee and had fits of trembling and went through a siege of nervous prostration, which took me three years to rally from."

"Mother coaxed me to use Postum, but I thought coffee would give me strength. So things went, and when I married I found my husband and I were both coffee toppers, and I can sympathize with a drunkard who tries to leave off his cups."

"At last in sheer desperation I bought a package of Postum, followed directions about boiling it, served it with good cream, and asked my husband how he liked the coffee."

"We each drank three cups apiece, and what a satisfied feeling it left. Our conversion has lasted several years and will continue as long as we live, for it has made us new—nerves are steady, appetites good, sleep sound and refreshing."

"There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.